

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BERND FREIWALD ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/018,776

Filed: DECEMBER 27, 2001

Title: JOINING CONNECTION, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND A STEERING COLUMN FOR MOTOR VEHICLES COMPRISING SUCH A JOINING CONNECTION

SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS IN APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto please find:

1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).
2. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
3. Assignment for recordation.
4. Copy of English translation of application (previously filed).
5. Copy of Preliminary Amendment (previously filed).
6. Copy of substitute specification, including clean copy and marked-up copy.
7. Copy of date-stamped postcard showing evidence of filing of English translation and Preliminary Amendment on December 27, 2001.
8. A check in the amount of \$40.00 in payment of the Assignment recordation fee. (The basic filing fee, including the surcharge for late submission of the Declaration, was submitted on December 27, 2001).

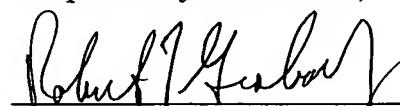
Applicants note that the Notification of Missing Requirements indicates that the English translation of the application and the Preliminary Amendment were not received with the original filing of the above-identified application.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that both items were filed with the application on December 27, 2001. A copy of the date-stamped postcard showing receipt of said documents is attached. Applicants also attach additional copies of the English translation and the Preliminary Amendment for the Examiner's convenience.

Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring LLP, Account Number 05-1323 (Docket #225/50785). A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

April 3, 2003

  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because Preliminary Amendment checked on transmittal but not included..

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity.

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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Today's Date: December 27, 2001

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Transmittal Letter Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371
- English Translation of International Application, including 15 claims (14 pages)
- English Translation of Amended Sheets of International Application, including 15 claims (8 pages)
- 2 sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1-4
- Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Preliminary Amendment
- Substitute Specification and marked-up copy thereof
- International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)
- PCT/IB/308
- PCT/RO/101
- Information Disclosure Statement including International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) and PTO-1449 Form w/references
- Check No. 222124 in the amount of \$1272.00

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